

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1053

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 16-621, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by
3 Laws 2007, chapter 295, section 4, is amended to read:

4 **16-621. Proceedings at the counting center**

5 A. All proceedings at the counting center shall be under the direction
6 of the board of supervisors or other officer in charge of elections and shall
7 be conducted in accordance with the approved instructions and procedures
8 manual provided for in section 16-452 under the observation of
9 representatives of each political party, **A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CANDIDATE FOR**
10 **NONPARTISAN OFFICE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF**
11 **OR IN OPPOSITION TO A BALLOT MEASURE, PROPOSITION OR QUESTION** and the public,
12 but no persons except those authorized for the purpose shall touch any ballot
13 or ballot card or return. All persons who are engaged in processing and
14 counting of the ballots shall be qualified electors, shall be deputized in
15 writing and **SHALL** take an oath that they will faithfully perform their
16 assigned duties. There shall be no preferential counting of ballots for the
17 purpose of projecting the outcome of the election. If any ballot is damaged
18 or defective so that it cannot properly be counted by the automatic
19 tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy shall be made of the damaged
20 ballot in the presence of witnesses and substituted for the damaged
21 ballot. All duplicate ballots shall be clearly labeled "duplicate" and shall
22 bear a serial number which shall be recorded on the damaged or defective
23 ballot.

24 B. If for any reason it becomes impracticable to count all or a part
25 of the ballots with tabulating equipment, the officer in charge of elections
26 may direct that they be counted manually, following as far as practicable the
27 provisions governing the counting of paper ballots.

28 C. For any statewide, county or legislative election, the county
29 recorder or officer in charge of elections shall provide for a live video

1 recording of the custody of all ballots while the ballots are present in a
2 tabulation room in the counting center. The live video recording shall
3 include date and time indicators and shall be linked to the secretary of
4 state's website. The secretary of state shall post links to the video
5 coverage for viewing by the public. The county recorder or officer in charge
6 of elections shall record the video coverage of the ballots at the counting
7 center and shall retain those recordings as a public record for at least as
8 long as the challenge period for the general election. If the live video
9 feed is disrupted or disabled, the recorder or officer in charge of elections
10 is not liable for the disruption but shall attempt to reinstate video
11 coverage as soon as is practicable. Any disruption in video coverage shall
12 not affect or prevent the continued tabulation of ballots. This ~~paragraph~~
13 SUBSECTION is contingent on legislative appropriation."

14 Amend title to conform

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